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LEADER S.R. KULKARNI

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REFTEL REPORTED REQUEST OF ALL INDIA PORT AND DOCK WORKERS'
FEDERATION PRESIDENT S.R. KULKARNI TO AFL-CIO (THROUGH AAFLI
REPRESENTATIVE HERBSNT WEAST) THAT THE AMERICAN LABOR MOVEMENT
LOBBY TO BRING ABOUT A REVERSAL OF THE U.S. DECISION TO LIFT
THE ARMS EMBARGO. (THIS IS THE LEADING DOCK WORKERS' UNION.
IT IS NOT AFFILIATED TO ANY NATIONAL CONFEDERATION, ALTHOUGH
MANY OF ITS MEMBER UNIONS BELONG TO THE POLITICALLY NONALIGNED HMS.) WHILE THE ARMS ISSUE IS AN EMOTIONAL AND IMPORTANT ONE FOR TRADE UNIONISTS, AS IT IS FOR OTHER INDIANS,
KULKARNI HAS DECLARED HIS VIEWS MUCH MORE FORCEFULLYTHEN HAVE
OTHER LABOR LEADERS. PRIOR TO THE CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY,
KULKARNI THREATENED TO SEEK A WORLD-WIDE BOYCOTT OF ANY SHIPS
CARRYING U.S. ARMS TO PAKISTAN. HE WAS THE ONLY TRADE UNIONIST
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TO ISSUE A PUBLIC STATEMENT AT THAT TIME. HE HAS NOT, TO OUR

KNOWLEDGE, MADE HIS LATEST APPEAL TO THE AFL-CIO PUBLIC. NEITHER
THE HMS NOR THE CONGRESS(R)-ALIGNED INTUC HAS TO DATE ISSUED
ANY PUBLIC STATEMENT ON U.S. ARMS POLICY.

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